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AVAILABILITY OF IRON ORE FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Powered Consultative Panel has recently decided to recommend to the Ministry of Mines for the availability of iron ore to steel industry on the priority basis so that steel industry should not suffer on account of delays and difficulties in the allocation of captive mines;

(b) if so, the complete details in this regard and the action taken on the recommendation of the Consultative Panel;

(c) whether the Consultative Panel has also urged to bring in speed breakers to regulate the unbridled export of iron ore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the recommendation by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE(DR. AKHILESH DAS)IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(d): No such recommendation has been made to the Ministry of Mines by the High Powered Consultative Panel.However,the Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Steel in its meeting held on 7th November, 2007 at Chandigarh expressed concern about the need to ensure availability of critical raw materials like iron ore and coking coal to cater to both present as well as post expansion needs of steel plants. The Consultative Committee was also unanimously of the view that the unbridled export of iron ore must be curbed. Details of action taken on the recommendations of the Consultative Committee will be laid on the table of the House.